

Land Leases.

Austin, Texas, June 14.—The following important opinion on the effect of the Supreme Court's decision in the Ketner case was rendered today by the Attorney General's department:

Dear Sir. We are in receipt of yours of the 10th. inst. which is as follows:

"I am receiving numerous inquiries with regard to the effect of the decision of the Supreme Court in the Ketner case, which holds that the Commissioner could not consolidate into one lease where one party had several leases. I will thank you for your opinion on the following:

"If A leased from the state ten sections of land in July, 1896, for a period of five years, and if he leased ten sections from the state in 1897 for a period of ten years, and if he leased ten sections in 1898 for a period of six years, and if such leases were subsequently consolidated and put into one lease for a period of, say, six years, and if A has continued to pay annual rental on all this land to the present time, what would be the status of A's lease holdings under the decision of the Ketner case? Is A without any lease at all, or will the former leases which were canceled continue in force until they would have expired had they not been canceled and consolidated into one lease?"

Under the case stated, one of A's leases would have expired in July, 1900, but the other two leases, had they not been consolidated, would have been in force today. Will the leases made in 1897 and 1898 be in force, the lease money on the lands having been paid under the consolidated lease?"

Under the decision of the Supreme court in the case of Ketner vs. Land Commissioner, lately decided, as we understand it, in the case stated by you, the original leases made to A are in force until they are terminated by the expiration of the terms of the leases, respectively, unless sooner cancelled by non-payment of rent.

The principle established by this decision, we think, is that the Commissioner had no authority to cancel the original lease except for legal cause, before the expiration of the term.

The leases made by A in 1897 and 1898, we think, will be in force until the expiration of their terms respectively, the lease money on the land having been paid under the consolidated lease, provided, of course, there is no default in the payment of rent as due under such original leases in the future.

Yours Very Truly,
T. S. Reese.
Office Ass't. Att'y. Gen'l.

As a result of the decision of the Supreme Court in the Ketner case, invalidating lapsed leases, the Land Commissioner is receiving scores of applications to purchase school lands, which were under lease at the time of the decision. Thousands of acres have been taken up by parties who were in the "rush" to secure the land.—Dallas News.

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Now that the Reverend Father Roche has come, delivered his series of lectures, and doubts at this writing is busy with his seminary duties at Houston, let all rear up on our hind legs as many little plumes and proclaim this good priest "unclean." Why do we do this? Israel's God says I don't. But do it we will. The beautiful blending of ignorance and natural goodness make us in promulgating exhaustive opinions about something of which we know very little more than nothing.

Open wide the door of vindictive hatred and deluge with "Christian calumny" this man who had the audacity to come to our sacred precincts and endeavor to teach us something. What haven't we said about the priest and his "awful doctrine?" Faith hope and charity are very essential, so Paul said, and the best of this "trinity" is the last named; and also the scarcest in these days of mergers and trusts. But really are priests so bad? Let us see. "When leprosy broke out in the Sandwich Islands a few years ago, all these afflicted were segregated upon a small island. Damien, a young Roman Catholic priest, left home and country and all that life holds dear and went deliberately forth to die for these afflicted barbarians. There he reared an humble temple with his own hands to the God of his fathers; there through long years of confinement he ministered to the temporal and spiritual wants of the afflicted; there he died, as he knew he must die, with his fingers falling from his hands, his flesh from his bones, a sight to appal the veryimps of hell."

Brave are we all when called to war amid the blare of trumpets beneath the eyes of the world, but this priest went forth alone without the clamor of trumpets and drums, to become a life prisoner in a wretched

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leper colony. The reward? Hear what Rev. Thos. G. Sherman, Protestant, said in the New York Post: "Before the missionaries gained control of the islands leprosy was unknown. But with the introduction of strange races leprosy established itself and rapidly increased. An entire island was properly devoted to the lepers. No Protestant missionary would venture among them. For this I do not blame them, as, no doubt, I should not have had the courage to go myself. But a noble Catholic priest consecrated his life to the service of the lepers, lived among them, baptized them, educated them, and brought some light and happiness into their wretched lives. Stung by the contrast of his example, the one remaining missionary, a recognized and paid agent of the American Board, spread broadcast the vilest slanders against Father Damien." So you see we are novices in peddling calumny.

For the life of me I can't quite comprehend why some people claiming homage to the "meek and lowly Man of Galilee" can speak disparagingly of any religion "that has comforted the dying or consoled the living—that has cast one gleam of supernatural sunshine into the dark vale where grope, each beneath his burden of sorrow the sons of men."

Unlike Cassius we read and think too little. We are entirely too corpulent; sleep too soundly while the burning question of soul salvation stalks by. We all have been given some degree of intelligence, and why not apply the same to a thorough search of a solution of this gigantic problem?

To the old rebels who followed Catholic Pat Cleburne: What think you of slanderers of the faith in which your old commander lived and died? Gen. Phil Sheridan was a Catholic. Sherman died a Catholic. Lafayette and Rochambeau, who came from France to help

Washington in the struggle for American Independence, were Catholics.

Nine Catholics signed the Declaration of Independence.

If the above is so constituted as to fit your case, "Bud," (my apologies to Rev. Sam Jones) It is intended for you, and goes with wild acclamation.

—DIQUE, in Wise County Messenger.

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A Dutch woman over in Oklahoma recently set a hen on a dozen eggs and hatched 24 chickens. But Oklahoma is a prolific country; one man east of Goodwin has a mare with two mule colts and another man near the same place has a cow with two bull calves.—Higgins News.

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